

Thank you for the opportunity to submit my **OPPOSITION to SB00016 AN ACT ADDRESSING GUN VIOLENCE AND JUVENILE CRIME.**

1. I oppose this bill because, despite the mention of a task force on the first page, other points are placing restrictions on law-abiding gun owners. It is being inferred in this bill that the actions, movements, and recreation of law-abiding gun owners is the cause of gun violence. Not true.

2. I oppose this bill because, despite its size and reach, does not address the mental health or forensic psychological study of gun violence, nor does it provide a stronger stance on prosecution of criminals. How could we have prevented the mass shootings and murders by gun this State has seen and will continue to see? Not addressed.

3. I oppose the creation and/or expansion of "gun free zones" in this bill. Criminals are criminals because they don't care about laws. If criminals respected that murder was illegal and gun free zones meant they'd get into trouble if they entered with their guns, we would have no shootings in this state. Gun free zones are danger zones.

4. I oppose the sheer size, varied content and vague title of this bill. This is not a budget bill as categorized. The mention of the word Juvenile is scarcely mentioned within considering the title. There are too many different line items in this bill to be clearly understood, researched and explained. Would any of the legislatures that vote for this bill like to be asked to explain the reasoning or meaning behind any random line in this bill at their next public meeting? Understandable, I don't think so. The title also does not clearly define the intent of this bill. Unfair to any reader, especially the ones who must vote on it, and the citizens who must live under it. More confusion than solution.

Thank you for your efforts, representation, and **OPPOSITION to this bill.**

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